

1 THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK
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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**
7 **AT SEATTLE**

8 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**
9 **Plaintiff,**
10 **v.**
11 **RENE JACOBS,**
12 **Defendant.**

7 **NO. CR21-006 RSL**
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9 **ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED**
10 **MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY**
11 **PLEA HEARING VIA**
12 **VIDEOCONFERENCE**

13 THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward
14 with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

15 (a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencing may
16 proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific
17 reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without
18 serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed
19 without serious harm to the interests of justice; and
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21 (b) Mr. Jacobs would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a
22 timely fashion; and
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24 (c) Mr. Jacobs wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of
25 anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate
presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr.

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1 Jacobs believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution
2 of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and
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4 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
5 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
6 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

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8 DONE this 22nd day of January, 2021.

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11 Robert S. Lasnik
12 United States District Judge

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17 /s/ Bradley Barshis
18 **Bradley Barshis**
19 **Attorney for Mr. Jacobs**

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